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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Mitsuhiro Fukuoka  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.